

REMARKS

Claims 17-27 are pending in this application. Claims 19-21 are allowed, claim 17 has been amended, and claims 1-16 and 22-27 have been cancelled without prejudice to later prosecution. Attached hereto is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with their current status listed parenthetically.

Claim Objections

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 17, 18 and 24-27 due to various informalities. In response, Applicant has amended claim 17 to provide proper antecedent basis. However, the "appropriate gain" is provided "to" said drive system (as originally claimed), not "from" said drive system (as suggested).

Claims 24 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice, therefore the objection to these claims is now moot.

Allowed Claims

At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 19-21 are allowed, and that claims 24-27 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant submits new claim 28. Independent claim 28 incorporates all the elements of claims 24-27 and their base claim (claim 22). Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-16 and 22-27, without prejudice to later prosecution, therefore making the rejections of these claims moot.

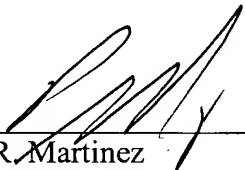
Conclusion

Applicant believes that this Response has addressed all items in the Office Action and now places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 17-21 and 28 at an early date is solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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